

Family Court Project

Brown County

| Basic Information | |
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| Population: | 15000 |
| County Seat: | Nashville |
| Judicial Officers: | Judith Stewart |
| Date of Project Implementation: | 5/1/2003 |
| Project Judge/s: | Judith Stewart Frank Nardi |
| Administrative Contact: | Patrick McSoley |
| Project Funding: | Grant funds and co-pays |

Family Court Mission Statement

Please provide a mission statement for your Family Court Programming

The Family Court Program seeks to expand access to family court for low income and pro se parties, to help parties avoid the high conflict of court proceedings and encouraging them to resolve their own disputes. The Family Court Program always seeks to help parents to make decisions that are in the best interests of their children.

Family Court Programming

Please provide a description your Family Court Programming

The Family Court Program in Brown, Jackson and Lawrence Counties provide mediation and document preparation services to pro se and low income parties and facilitations in CHINS cases. The program expands access to the system while encouraging parties to resolve their own disputes and avoid the high conflict and stressful uncertainty of trial. The family Court Program encourages coparenting and communication with the major focus being the best interests of the children.

Number of Families Served

Please provide an estimate of the number of families served through the Family Court Programming

The Family Court Program In Brown Jackson and Lawrence Counties has served more than 4,000 families since 1993.